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Napolitano is greeted in the Meadowlands winners circle by happy owners, after setting a new record of 1:54.1 in the 1989 Statue of Liberty Trot.

Simulcasting Successful At The Downs

The opening five weeks of the Scarborough summer season has shown the Downs' new policy of simulcasting races to be an unqualified success, so much so that beginning on July 1 the Downs instituted a policy of nightly simulcasts. In addition to helping keep the horse population fresh during the summer months, simulcasting has "given the people of Maine an opportunity to wager on some excellent races," says Downs Mutuels manager Connie Sollenberger, who has had the unenviable task of having to coordinate Scarborough post times with the posts set by the host raceways. The patrons have responded, with the average race bet for simulcasts well above the average race handle for Downs events.

Harness racing fans cannot help but have been delighted with the variety of races shown thus far from the

Meadowlands, Yonkers, and Greenwood Raceway. Downs fans witnessed the then two fastest miles of the year to date, as Matt's Scooter (Direct Scooter — Ellen's Glory) took the first two legs of the Governor Driscoll Pacing Series at the Meadowlands, the first in 1:51 flat, and the second in 1:50.2 pacing away. Matt's Scooter bested some of the sport's top names in winning the events, such as Jaguar Spur, Runnymede Lobell, T.K.'s Skipper, and Keystone Raider. In addition to the Governor Driscoll heats, the weekly open from the Meadowlands has been simulcasted, as Maine fans witnessed Mike LaChance and Keystone Raider nose out Vintner and Dare You To by a nose in a three-across photo finish. Trotters have also been highlighted via the Meadowlands simulcast, and the

\$250,000 Statue of Liberty Trot witnessed Sweden's top trotter, Napolitano (Super Bowl—Noble Sarah) sweep wire-to-wire past an international field of ten trotters, which included local favorite Indianapolis and 1989 Legislator starter Go Get Lost. Napolitano trotted the year's fastest mile to date with a 1:54.1 triumph.

The Greenwood races have served as a pleasant surprise; for many New Englanders the Greenwood simulcasts have offered them their first taste of the central Ontario circuit, which hosts Canada's premiere races. Among those this year have been the \$178,000 final of the Burlington stakes, where Doug Brown masterfully teamed Topnotcher to an upset victory over the highly touted Fiorello Blue Chip, and the \$1,000,000 North American Cup, which was won, in a major upset, by Goalie

Jeff (Cam Fella—Jill Elane Hanover) and Steve Condren. The mile was paced in 1:53.2, less than a second off the track record, and Goalie Jeff returned \$87.00 to win.

The mutuel handles for the simulcast races have been excellent; the highest was the \$28,000-plus pushed through the windows on the Belmont stakes back in early June. The North American Cup attracted a handle in excess of \$17,000, while the Governor Driscoll legs featured handles of over \$15,000 the first week and \$19,000 the second. All in all, the simulcasts have been appreciated by everyone—management, fans, and horsemen. Future races to be simulcasted include the \$1.25 million final of the Woodrow Wilson Pace, the \$400,000 Shepard Pace, and Greenwood's \$250,000 Canadian Pacing Derby.

by K.C. Johnson

Important Dates And Upcoming Events

July 1 — The Firecracker Series - first leg \$2,000 at Scarborough Downs
 July 2 — The Lord Bangor Pacing Series - \$1600 first leg - Bangor Raceway
 July 4 — The Queen City Ladies Pacing Series first leg \$1400 - Bangor Raceway
 July 7 — The Summer-Long Sophomore Series \$3,000 - Scarborough Downs
 July 8 — The Lady Bangor Pacing Series \$1500 - Bangor Raceway
 July 8 — The Firecracker Series - second leg - \$2,000 at Scarborough Downs
 July 9 — The Lord Bangor Pacing Series - \$1,600 - second leg - Bangor Raceway
 July 10 — Maine Harness Youth Foundation Day - Bangor Raceway
 July 12 — The Queen City Ladies Pacing Series - second leg - \$1,400 - Bangor Raceway
 July 13 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Trotters - Bangor Raceway
 July 14 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Filly Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 14 — The \$1,000,000 Meadowlands Pace Final (simulcast at Scarborough)
 July 14 — The Summer-Long Sophomore Series - \$3,000 - Scarborough Downs
 July 15 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Colt Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 15 — The Lady Bangor Pacing Series - second leg - \$1,500 - Bangor Raceway
 July 15 — The \$350,000 Yonkers Trot - Yonkers Raceway
 July 15 — The Firecracker Series Final - \$5,000 Scarborough Downs

July 16 — The Lord Bangor Pacing Series Final - \$3,100 - Bangor Raceway
 July 19 — Queen City Ladies Pacing Series \$3,140 - Bangor Raceway
 July 19 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Two year old Trotters and Colt Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 20 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Trotters and Colt Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 21 — The Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Filly Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 21 — The Summer-Long Sophomore Pacing Series \$3,000 - Scarborough Downs
 July 22 — The \$40,000 Legislator Trot - Free For All - Scarborough Downs
 July 22 — The Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Colt Pacers - Bangor Raceway
 July 22 — The Lady Bangor Pacing Series Final - \$3,000 - Scarborough Downs
 July 25 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Two year old Trotters and Colt Pacers - Scarborough
 July 26 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 year old Trotters and 2 year old Filly Pacers - Scarborough Downs
 July 27 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Filly Pacers - Scarborough Downs
 July 28 — Maine Breeders Stakes - Three year old Colt Pacers - Scarborough Downs
 July 28 — The Summer-Long Sophomore Series \$3,000 - Scarborough Downs



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There's only one... BANGOR STATE FAIR



At
Bass Park, Bangor, Me.
July 27th — August 5th

Harness Horse Youth Camp

Youngsters from 9 to 19 got an introduction to the world of Standardbred horses and harness racing at the first-ever Harness Horse Youth Camp held in Maine.

On Monday, July 10th, at the Bass Park Complex in Bangor the camp got underway. Audrey Gerry, Vice President of the Maine Standardbred Breeders Association, Owen Butler, promotions coordinator at Bass Park and Charlotte Maurer, National Director of the Harness Horse Youth Association organized and directed the affair. Local horsemen helped by letting some

of their well behaved standardbreds be used for hands-on experience.

Those attending learned how horses are harnessed and trained for racing. This included jogging a horse on the Bangor track and wearing a protective helmet (sitting alongside a regular trainer, of course.) A visit to the blacksmith shop indicated the different kinds of shoes make a trotter or pacer perform at his best.

There were lessons about the history of the standardbred sport and harness racing videos to complete a great day for the youthful attendees.



Many thanks to Roberta Shaw, my hostess during Grand Circuit week at Goshen. Her hospitality is certainly appreciated.

Juvenile Earn & Learn at Scarborough Downs

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By JEAN EMERSON

The pre-season testing process of Earn & Learn racing got underway at Scarborough Downs on June 28th. These "Baby Races," with purses of \$100 usually held prior to post, accomplish a number of purposes (ie) they serve as qualifiers for two year olds - they give owners and trainers an opportunity to test their stock in company and last but not least, patrons get a chance to see future stakes stars early-on.

The first of the trials went off in satisfactory fashion for a mixed field of two trotters and three pacers. Don Richards left out of the four hole with MISS BRISTOL (Persuadable - Lou Can Tango) made the top in 32.3 with Arnold Miles TERISSE ANN inside on the rail. The leader jumped shortly after the quarter where Paul Battis TO BAD HONEY (Sheryl's Number - Napoleon's Queen) quickly took over lead position for a half in 1:06.4, still in front at the three quarter pole in 1:39.4 the colt went off stride coming to the stretch, losing all chance after a very impressive trip, to finish fourth. Richards and MISS BRISTOL came on through the stretch to recapture the front and win in 2:13.2 by five lengths. TERRISE ANN trotted steadily throughout the mile besting SULMONA (Skipper Gene Marx - Mighty Irish Peg) who finished third. KNOTCH HILL KURT (Kavartha T Barr - April Colder) jumped leaving and trailed throughout. All participants

in this field were Maine Stakes eligibles.

The second battle of the Juveniles went a much more impressive mile. THE STRAWMAN (Trusty Dream - Pull Box) with Kevin Switzer aboard, left out but jumped before the quarter, where Arnold Miles T.J. DON (Bret's Don - Phoebe's Star) registered a 31.4 with CHET LINER (Romano Hanover - Bit of Chocolate) sitting second for Gordon Corey. This was soon to change as RACEALONG J.D. (Nero - All About Eve) the only outside-bred competing, regained his composure after breaking when leaving from the five hole. With a half in 1:03.2 there was never a doubt for the remainder in 1:36.3 and a two length win in 2:06.3 with a confident Battis aboard. THE STRAWMAN finished in place position after another break at the three quarter pole leaving spectators the opinion that he will be a worthy adversary in the Maine Stakes when he settles down. DAROGA JA JA (Persuadable - J.D.'s Strike) with Roger Young and SKIP A DENA (Shekar Skipper - Step Ardena) Dominic Watson completed the field.

At Bangor Raceway Leonard Pierce's CHOCKY FORWARD has qualified and been raced to a win in 2:07.1 out of the Bickmore Stable. The 2 year old stakes debut will be contested here in July.

Second Division - Earn & Learn July 5th

The second of the juvenile contests started at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening with one trotter and four pacers, Marelda Hanover was declared a non-starter. FLY FLY REBEL (Rebel Bret - Fly Fly Caprice) was on top at the quarter in .32 and held on to finish second in the mile. CAMDEN HILLS KASH (Trusty Dream - Bet's Kash) was up to the third and managed to hold that position throughout. GO MISS BEST (Best Jeffrey - Go Miss Isle) on top at the half in 105.1 continued on for the three quarters in 1:37.4 and the final in 2:09.3. SUPERB PIC (II Superbo - My Fair Princess) finished fourth with GAMBLE'S REWARD trailing.

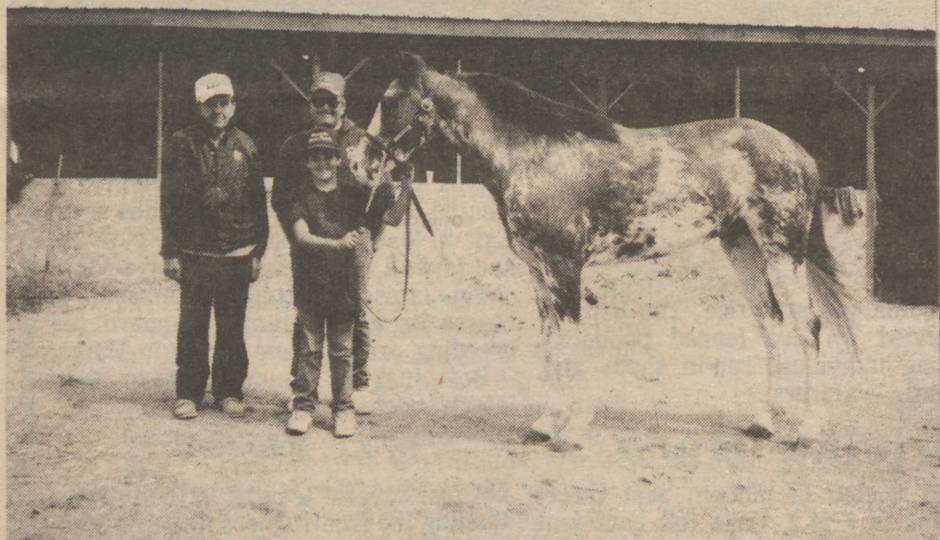
Race two had only two Maine-Bred entries, FRANCIS P. (Best Jeffrey - Barbie Ellen) and SURPRISE DREAM (Trusty Dream - Ardina Sterling) who finished third and fourth respectively after quarters in 32.4, 106.1 and 1:38.4. ALONE IN PARADISE (Brand New Fella - Mazurka Hanover) cut the mile but was nipped at the wire by DEACAN FRYE (Shealbat Rainbow - R.J.'s D.D.) who jumped twice in the mile but still managed a 2:11.4 trip for Paul Battis. AMBER PHILLI (Armbro Shal-ty - Highland Amber) finished last.

The third division included only one

outside-bred, TAI PAN TYLER (Tyler B - Sea Escape) who cut the entire mile to win with quarters in 32.2 - 1:05 - 1:36.3 contested by RACE ME DAVID (G.G. Skipper - Race Me Aggie.) who finished third in the 2:08.3 mile. STRAWMAN (Trusty Dream - Pull Box) looked impressive after finishing second. SHE'S A JEANIE (Sample Beat - Josh's Jeanie) finished fourth. WHITEFOOT LIGHTER (Skipper Gene Marx - Lehigh Lisa) also ran.

The fourth and final division was composed totally of Maine-Breds, MISS BRISTOL (Persuadable - Lou Can Tango), cut quarters in 31.3 and 104.4 but then jumped off to finish last. TO BAD HONEY (Sheryl's Number - Napoleon's Queen) sat the pocket in 1:37.3 and held on for a mile in 2:09.1. LIL JEFF (Best Jeffrey - Stacey Halloran) and TAVISH TRIXIE (Best Jeffrey - Surf Side Miss) finished two, three... with MEREDITH MY BELLE (My Bill Forwood - Fallon) who jumped at the gate leaving, holding on for fourth. ACE OF SUPERSTITION (Mint Hanover - Danphiness Direct) stayed steady throughout to finish fifth.

This completes this series of Earn & Learn as new two year old stakes races begin at Bangor Raceway on July 19th.



Three generations of the Brewer family - father, Don - son, Jeff and grandson, Jason, pose with their four year old Standardbred LOOK LIKE IKE, a roan that is truly eye-catching.



RACEALONG J.D. (Nero - All About Eve) pictured with Jeff Battis, went a very impressive mile in 2:06.3 in the Earn and Learn races at Scarborough Downs, trained by Paul Battis and owned by Rick Moody.

Brewer Stable "Dustem" Off At The Downs

By BOB LOWELL

The Brewer Stable, home based at Waynesville, Ohio, is enjoying the summer fruits of racing at Scarborough Downs in its first Eastern swing.

Racing at Louisville, Kentucky, the past five seasons, the Brewer Stable headed by patriarch Don Brewer, shipped to Maine this year after three weeks of action at The Red Mile.

Don's son Jeff Brewer, the stable driver, tells the Northeast Harness News, "Dad started the stable twenty five years ago." Jeff explains that while his Dad is still involved in the stable operation his training has been curtailed by by-pass surgery. Don's wife is Miriam.

A family operation, which includes Jeff's wife Linda and their son Jason, the Brewers are racing a 19-horse stable. While they don't carry any two year olds, they have a prime three year

old filly in Dustem. A full sister to Dusty Pockets, 1:56, who they raced as a two year old and sold, Jeff says she paced in 2:00 in her third lifetime start at Lexington. Winning two here at Scarborough, Jeff explains that while winning in 2:03 Dustem is experiencing some problems with the half-mile track turns.

Jeff says Dustem's dam, Miss Shadow Might, paced around 2:03 in 1977 and was the top filly in Ohio that year. While Dustem is by Higher Authority, the Brewers elected to breed the mare back to Flying Bret.

Taking note of how much the business has changed, Jeff looks back, "It was fun when my Dad raced. But now it's dog eat dog."

Citing the racing at Lexington, Jeff says it was a very fast track and tough racing. He continues, "I won with

Rapport Blue Chip in 1:56 in a six thousand claimer and a non-winner of three races lifetime in 1:55."

"At Lexington," he adds, "you can find out how fast they can go."

Another top pacer for the Brewers is nine-year old pacer Doc Holiday, a Most Happy Fella, and a recent winner in 2:01. Purchased last fall in a private sale, he's returned \$18 thousand.

Invited to race at Scarborough by General Manager Sal DiMario, Jeff is glad they came. He points out, "It was a good move for me." Jeff says they knew Sal when he was a judge in Kentucky.

Speaking of the drivers here, Jeff comments, "They are a good bunch to race with and they have a Meadowlands driver here in Walter Case."

While the Maine owners were quick

to claim two of their horses, the Brewers have purchased a new face or two themselves and they own all 19-head. The Brewers are being assisted by Diane Robertson and Keith Fraser.

While last winter they campaigned at Sports Creek, Michigan, they are planning to stay on the eastern seaboard this year. Jeff is considering Rosecroft or perhaps Yonkers.

A mid-western veteran, the Brewer Stable has campaigned at the Meadows, Fairmount Park, and at Chicago's tracks. Those places are tough and it prompts Jeff to say that you have to be "loaded for bear."

The Brewers are happy at Scarborough and are living at Old Orchard Beach. While the Brewers are enjoying their stay on the Maine coast, here in the Northeast, we welcome them to our shores.

New Standardbred Facility in Maine



Large grassy paddocks with well designed run-in sheds provide a natural area for mares and their foals.



The recently completed breeding and training barn serves as a background for stablehand Ruth Libby and Barnev Blue Chip-G.C. Matriach colt.

Racealong Stable, one of the newest of the N.E. Standardbred breeding and training facilities, is located on the Allen Road in Wells, Maine. Owned by Rick and Joy Moody, this 55 acre showplace presently houses broodmares, weanlings and yearlings. A pacing stallion and a trotting stallion will be selected to stand for service

before the beginning of the 1990 breeding season.

The present staff includes Ray Thyng, Farm manager - Marcus Darley, office manager and utilizes both Don Collins and Douglass Hutchins as veterinarians on call. A regulation half mile track is in the process of being constructed and will be ready for fall

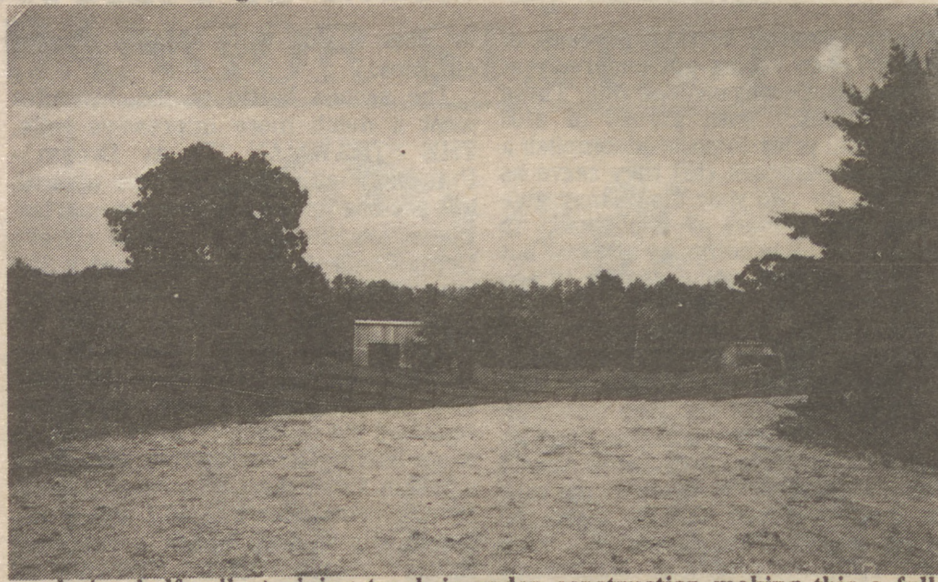
Walter Case, Jr. Leading In Downs Driving Race

Walter Case, Jr. appears well on his way towards a second consecutive driving title at Scarborough Downs, based on figures available through Sunday, July 2. Case has amassed 89 wins through this date, while Leigh Fitch, who had his four-meet winning streak snapped by Case last year, holds down second with 61 trips to the winners' circle. Case's top individual program performance came on July 2, when he won seven races; he also has registered multiple cards of five or more victories. In weekly drivers' standings, Case also holds the lead — he has won every week but one, most by huge margins (the week from June 27 through July 2 he took by a margin of 24 to 8 over his nearest competitor). Fitch took the other week by a margin of 15 to 14.

As usual, the race for third place in the drivers' standings is interesting, and no fewer than eight drivers have a chance to occupy the position at meet's end. John Nason grabbed the third spot early in the meet with a good first week-and-a-half, and has held it since; through July 2, he has triumphed 23 times. The margin has been diminishing as of late, however, with Jim Apperti, Jr. up for fourth place with 20 wins. Apperti is closely trailed by Greg

Bowden and Paul Battis (19 wins apiece), Jim Hardy (18 wins), and Dude Goodblood (16 wins). Goodblood in particular has been the hot driver as of late, finishing second in the weekly drivers' race for the last week of June. Roland Mallar presently occupies ninth place (13 wins), while Don Richards and Bob Sumner are tied for tenth with ten triumphs apiece.

Case's biggest win came on Sunday afternoon, June 11, when he teamed Antoine (French Chef — Flower Corsage) to an upset victory in the \$20,000 Governor's Pace, setting a new track record of 1:56.1 in the process. Leaving from the rail, Case tried for the early lead, but a slight bobble into the first turn precluded that possibility, and Antoine settled for third, allowing Michael's All Star and Cjinski to battle for the early lead. Bob Tisbert wheeled Cjinski to the lead just before the quarter pole, but Marc Mosher had track record-holder Michael's All Star back out quickly once again, reassuming command past the quarter pole in 28.2. The half was paced in 57.2, and Case forced Tisbert back into the outside flow with Cjinski by tipping Antoine off the rail right after the three-eighths pole. As Michael's All Star and



A regulation half mile training track is under construction making this a full feature facility for the standardbred.



The barn interior features spacious stalls with all the necessary amenities. Stablehand, Ruth Libby assists with daily chores.

training making this a full service facility.

The recently completed 34 stall barn features a vet room, a wash room, two tack rooms and an office. The barn is surrounded by five fenced paddocks featuring individual run-in sheds and automatic waterers.

This State of the Art facility is located approximately five miles from Exit 2, Maine Turnpike, via Route 109 and is well worth the time for a visit.

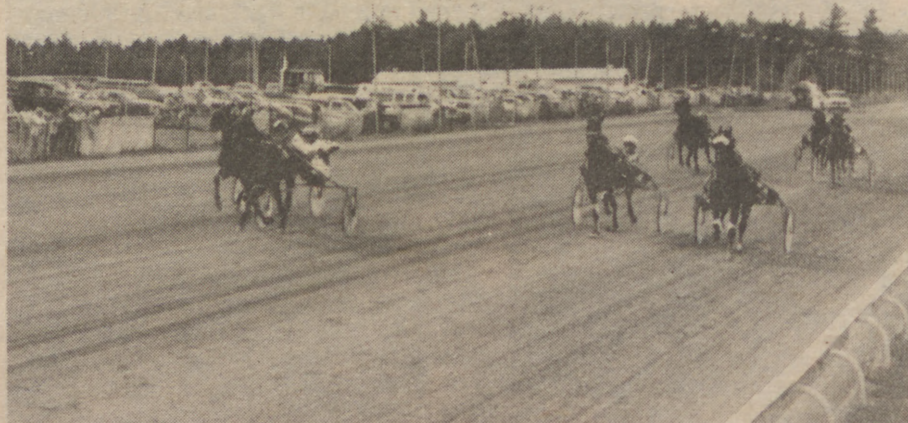
This latest investment in the sport is reassuring to the future of standardbred breeding, training and racing in Maine.

Best luck to the Moody's in their latest endeavor!

By K.C. JOHNSON

Cjinski dueled in tandem past three-quarters in 1:26.2, Case felt confident that he had the top two measured, and began looking back to see who was coming from the trailers. The highly touted Jersey Bound, an Invitational pacer from Freehold, and Sherwood Abe, Freehold's track record holder, lacked pace, causing heavy traffic for the one trailer who was full of run, Automatically, driven by Jim Hardy. Hardy alertly weaved Automatically first into the outside flow and then towards the inside to pass tired horses

but lost several lengths in the process, trailing the frontrunners by some seven lengths at the three-quarters. As Automatically closed in, Case tipped Antoine three-wide, easing past the leading duo midway through the stretch. In deep stretch, Antoine was full out and Automatically was gaining, but at the wire Antoine held the lead by three-quarters of a length, with Automatically second and Michael's All Star third. The remainder of the field included Cjinski, Sherwood Abe, Tylad, Jersey Bound, and Mister Sea.



In the Governors Pace at Scarborough, Antoine driven by Walter Case Jr. surged past Michael's All Star and Cjinski and beat Automatically at the wire to establish a new track record of 1:56.1.

NORTHERN MAINE FAIR

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Maine Breeders Stakes Racing
August 10th & 11th
Presque Isle, Maine



The Saga of Second, Right There

BY WARREN DICKEY

Is there a horse who's raced anywhere
That wasn't given a record of second, right there
In a field of the best — going a two minute mile
A race you'd remember for a long, long while.
They wanted us beat, or back somewhere,
But you know where we finished
We were second, right there.

The morning was long and we were done training late
Still I stopped by the office on my way out the gate.
He came like a vulture from out of nowhere
With his touching story of desperate despair.
"We need your horse to fill the big race
You're the only one who can save me disgrace.
Please race him in here just one time for me.
And I'll make it up to you, Buddy, just wait and see!"
He'll be in real easily, yes, that's what he said!
He was easily in way over his head,
So, fool that I was, I started him there
And it's hard to believe we were second, right there.

We had figured on giving this horse a nice rest
He'd been off some lately, just half-right at best
What little care he was given, had to go a long way
'Cause with his groom, he'd be lucky to get water and hay.
Now he warmed up so lame he should never have started
But the vet said, "He's all right, he's just chicken hearted."
How long would it take in our simplest schools
To turn out a batch of those overpaid fools.
So dead lame he went, to help pay their fare
As lame as he was, we were second, right there.

Now they talk about race tracks that are really bad
Well, the condition of that track was nothing but sad.
It was hard with deep ruts and stones three inches round
And down in the turns it looked like plowed ground.
I thought such conditions were long in the past
But the joke of it all was they labeled it "fast."
You'd just have to call it one sorry affair,
But we managed that course and were second, right there.

I knew there was trouble when they took the first score
That horse had never felt such bad hands before.
Our driver was hurt in an earlier race
And we needed someone to drive in his place,
So we got a catch driver and he really drove bad
But he was the only one to be had.
He's got a "rep" for not being too square
But bad driver and all — we were second, right there.

When the man said "Go," things looked bad from the start
But here was a horse with nothing but heart
We left from the outside, post number eight
And got a bad time from the man on the gate.
That starter was nothing, like most of them are
And they think they are God, when they sit in that car.
In spite of the fact that the start wasn't fair
We showed them you know, we were second, right there.

The went to the quarter in twenty-eight and four
He was parked all the way or he would have gone more.
He was hit in that first turn, so hard he could fall
It's a helluva wonder he got home at all.
Down to the half in fifty-seven and two
He was just getting started when off came a shoe
The three-quarter time carved a two-minute mile
And this little horse still parked all of the while.
All I could do was stand there and stare
At that fabulous performance of second, right there.

It was certain we'd won at the end of that mile
And the results were delayed a mighty long while.
Pictures don't lie — at least that's what they say
But I'm not too certain they weren't wrong that day.
In my mind there's a doubt — that remains even now
That in making that print — they didn't err somehow.
When they hung out that photo we were just beat a hair
Officially we were — second, right there.

Sure the next day the judges called everyone in
I guess just to prove they were all free from sin.
From those drivers came the story, like a beautiful song
Could those poor innocent dears do anything wrong —
We weren't fouled or bothered, in fact they claim
If there was any wrong-doing, we were to blame.
So with a smile the judge said, "I think we've been fair"
The finish will stand, you were second, right there.

I still have that picture, it hangs on my wall
And once in a while I think of it all.
That finish is history, a bit tarnished by fate.
Fame and fortune we put off 'till some later date
I don't even care that we met with disdain
'Cause when you're bit by the horse bug, you're slightly insane.

All I want is that feeling that I'm walking on air...
You know — the one that you get when you are second, right there.

Pompano Harness Schedule Announced



POMPAÑO BEACH — An adjusted 1989-90 schedule, featuring 155-nights of championship harness racing was announced this week by The Winter Capital of Harness Racing, Pompano Park Harness Track.

Following approval by the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Racing at its session, Pompano Harness will open its season on Saturday night, October 7. The season will begin with a four-day racing schedule (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights) through November 25. This will be the second consecutive year that Pompano Harness will open on a Saturday night.

The track will race five Sunday nights from Nov. 26 through Dec. 31 as part of its five-night (Wednesday-Sunday) per week schedule in December.

Beginning in January, Pompano Park moves to its full six-night per week schedule (Monday-Saturday) through the remainder of the meet.

There will be just two exceptions to the early schedule at Pompano Park. The track will be dark on Thursday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving and will be open on Tuesday, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas. There will be no racing, Sunday Dec. 24 or Monday, Dec. 25.

American Farrier Update

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY — Under the spreading shade trees of the Kentucky Horse Park, the farriers of America have found a new home.

Early in June, 1989, the American Farrier's Association (AFA) opened its new national headquarters on the grounds of the 1000-acre Kentucky Horse Park on Iron Works Pike outside Lexington. The AFA was formerly located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In moving its national offices to the Horse Park, AFA joins other national horse associations such as the US Polo Association and American Saddlebred Horse Association who have recently established offices on the grounds.

The American Farrier's Association represents more than 1000 professional and part-time farriers and administers a national testing program for professional certification. According to AFA President Allen Smith of

Sherborn, Massachusetts, the establishment of a more visible headquarters in Kentucky is a good move. "Life in the Horse Park will be very convenient, with lots of public awareness and enthusiasm," he stated optimistically.

The Kentucky Horse Park is funded by the State of Kentucky as a center of activities to reinforce the state's involvement in and support of the horse industry. The Park is open to the public and offers exhibitions, museums, and horse-related events to increase opportunities for promotion of the horse in America. More than 35 breeds of horses are stabled on the ground and are used in daily demonstrations. The Park operates a public-access farrier shop, where horses are shod for work in the Park and where the public is educated on the role of the farrier in the well-being and performance of horses.

Breeders Crown Receives Sponsorship



Certified Tours Inc., one of the largest tour packagers in the travel world, and harness racing's Breeders Crown have launched a multi-year, million dollar agreement in which Certified will promote and publicize the sport thru the Breeders Crown series. The arrangement, which begins immediately, represents the first major sponsorship tie for the sport, and opens the door to similar future commercial promotional sponsorships.

Certified, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is a tour wholesaler, selling packages to travel agencies. It has recorded gains of 25 to 30 percent in sales in each of the last seven years, works exclusively with Delta Airlines, and is the exclusive packager, other than the Disney organization itself, for tours to Disney World in Orlando. Last year the company arranged some 250,000 vacation trips to that worldwide attraction.

Rita Lamel, Certified's director of promotions, and Phil Sanfilippo, the company's advertising director, have met with representatives of the five tracks involved in this Breeders Crown — Northfield Park, Blue Bonnets, Freehold, Freestate and Pompano Park — on Monday, June 12, to discuss details and coordination of the new promotional program. Lamel and Sanfilippo met with Breeders Crown executive

director Tom Charters and HTA officials at the Meadowlands recently and expressed upbeat excitement and enthusiasm over the new partnership with the sport. They indicated Certified would commit more than \$250,000 to promotion of the Breeders Crown in this first year of the ongoing arrangement.

Leading players for the industry in developing the Certified package were John Cashman Jr., president of Pompano Park; Harold Duris, president of NAHRMA and former president of HTA; H. A. (Andy) Grant, president of the Hambletonian Society; and Breeders Crown director Charters. The agreement was made possible thru the interest of Ed Rudner, Certified's dynamic young president, who has led the company's meteoric growth. Rudner is a tremendously enthusiastic harness horse owner and amateur driver, and was a major supporter of last year's March of Dimes International Trot at Garden State Park. While Rudner is a harness man, he is a businessman first, and his involvement in the new project is not based on sentiment. He gave the green light for Certified's involvement, but left the decision to his marketing specialists. The arrangement had to be beneficial for Certified, and Rudner's people are confident it will be.

WANTED: Partners For Yearling Purchase

I am looking for partners interested in making a small investment (\$500.00 or less) in a yearling at the annual breeders sale. The more investors the better!!!! Interested parties should contact Chip (508-359-8574) After 7 P.M.

"What does reincarnation mean?"

A cowpoke asked his friend.

His pal replied, "It happens when
Yer life has reached its end.

They comb yer hair and warsh yer neck,
And clean yer fingernails,
And lay you in a padded box
Away from life's travails.

"The box and you goes in a hole
That's been dug in the ground.
Reincarnation starts in when
Yore planted 'neath a mound.

The clods melt down, just like yer box,
And you who is inside,
And then yore just beginnin' on
Yer transformation ride.

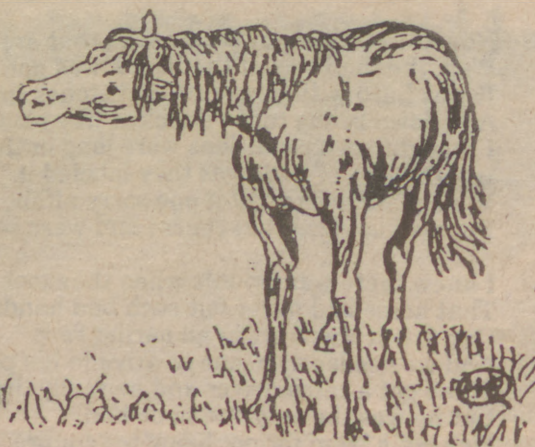


Reincarnation

"In a while, the grass'll grow
Upon yer rendered mound,
'Till some day on yer moldered grave
A lonely flower is found.
And say a hoss should wander by
And graze upon this flower,
That once was you, but now's become
Yer vegetative bower.

"The posey that the hoss done ate
Up, with his other feed,
Makes bone, and fat, and muscle
Essential to the steed.
But some is left that he can't use,
And so it passes through,
And finally lays upon the ground—
This thing, that once was you.

"Then say, by chance, I wanders by
And sees this on the ground.
And I ponders, and I wonders at
This object that I found.
And I thinks of reincarnation,
Of life, and death, and such.
I come away concludin': Slim,
You ain't changed, all that much."



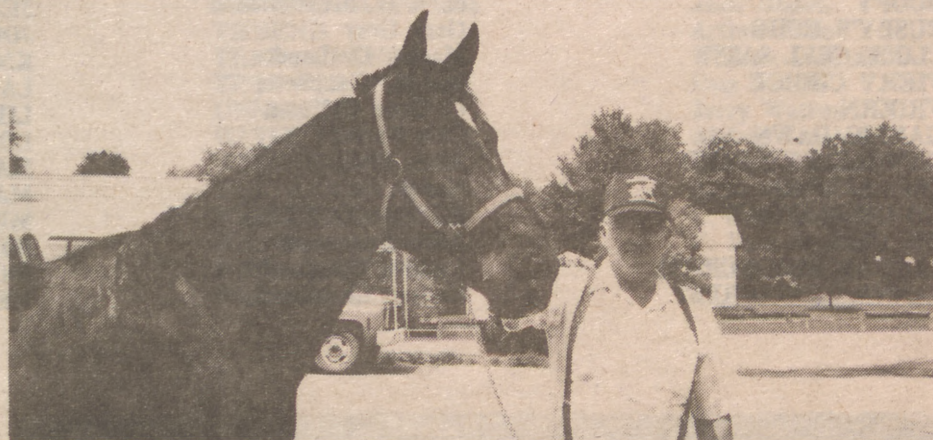
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CHOCKY FORWARD (My Bill Forwood-Chocolate Lil) and trainer Eric Bickmore for owner Leonard Pierce at Bangor.



STEADY KYLE (Larsen Lobell-Happy Blossom) and trainer Cecil Blackwood for owner J.P. Crane.

HORSE

A.J.'s EXPRESS
A.J.'s LITE
ACE OF SUPERSTITION
AMERICAN EAGLE
ANYTIME MONEY
BILLY O BARON
BOB's BOOM BOOM
BRENDA's SKIPPER
BRET's MOUNTAIN BOY
BRIGHT DWIGHT
BRYAR-CASS
C.B.'s BOY
CAMDEN HILLS KASH
CHET LINER
CHOCOLATE SOLDIER
DAROGA JAJA
DON'T GET ME WRONG BUT
DANNYBROOK KING
DANNYBROOK MIKE
DANNYBROOK PRINCE
DONS ECHO
FORWARD WILL
FRANCIS P
GO GO's LEGACY
GRAMPA WIL O
H.P.F. SKIPPER RIDGE
HARD TIME MAC
HARVATROSS
HO JO's SPIRIT
HODGOES MOJOE
HONCHO
J.R. MARX
JACKSON BIGTIME
JAY ME KRIS
JOSEPH RIDGECREST
JULIAN RIDGECREST
KENNEBEC KOMMANDO
L.O. SKIPPER
LARRY's BARON
LIGHT OF DAY
LIL JEFF
MEL's GAMBLE
MILFORD RED
MIRACLE BEN
MOMENT CONNECTION
MR. RAY RAY
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OWNER

Guy Brochu
Robert Ray
Jayne Ochmanchi
Richard A. King
Richard Robertson
Fulton Billings
Bill Loubier
Brenda Estabrooks
Gloria Hall
Jeannine Knudsen
Nancy Rogers
Arthur Gott
Jeffrey Dow
Moore/Lamb/Higgins
Judith Doe
Roger Young
Thomas Perkins
Donnybrook Farm
Roland Roux
Donnybrook Farm
William Barnes
D. Schmidt/K. Ward
G. D'Alfonso/R. McLain
C. Lewis/G. Libbey
Paul Stilphen
Robert Tondreau
Gerald MacKenzie, Sr.
Jeannie McLaughlin
Ronald Johnson
R. & D. Hodge
Roosevelt Susi
R. & S. Rollins
Margaret Salzillo
R. DiPompo/W. Turner
Carlton Chamberlin
Joseph C. Smith
Thomas Dillon, Jr.
J. George
Luce/Bolduc/Brown
Ellery Corson
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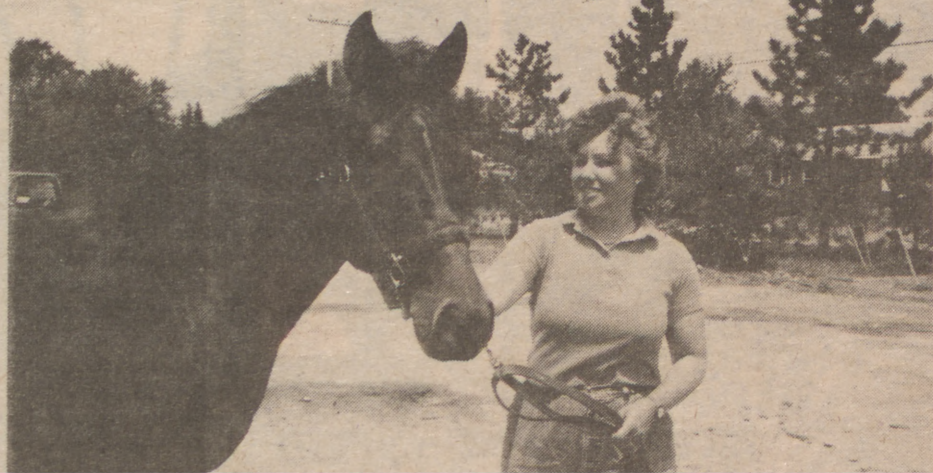
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RAY GILHOOLY
ROCKY MARX
ROD's FIRST
SABATTUS DREAMER
SAY NIA LOU
SHORT CIRCUIT
SOAR TO THE STARS
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SPEED COPY
SPEEDY RED M.
STEADY KYLE
SUFFOLK FLAME
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SUFFOLK's HANDYMAN
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T. B. TWO
T. J. DON
THE STRAWMAN
TO BAD HONEY
TO BE A STAR
TRAP's SPEED
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TRUST ME PAT
TRUSTY GRAFFAM
UNCLE FRANKIE
UNNAMED
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WARREN HILL STAR
WATCH IT
WHITEFOOT LIGHTNING
WICKED SLICK
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WOOLY MAMOUTH

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Lloyd Peirce
Arthur Nason
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Arnold Stanhope
R. Bourgoin/P. Cote
John Rancourt
Emma Dearborn
R. Robertston/C. Bragdon
Duane Boynton
Somerset Sta/M. Mosher
R. & L. Norton
A. & W. MacDonald
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Harry Newman
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Terry Pratt
F. Stevens/A. Quirion
Daniel Beaulieu
Arnold Miles
Kevin Switzer
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Tim Moran
Gordon Gray
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Alphee Lefebvre
Henry Michaud
Walter Reed, Jr.
Charles Kelley
P. Beatham/J. Geaghan



MISS MANDI HAYES (Witsend's Tribute-Miss Melanie Hayes) with Rollie Jacks of the Warren Strout Stable for Kermit Allen.



BRENDA'S SKIPPER (Willow Skipper-Brenda's Doll) and owner/trainer Brenda Estabrooks at Bangor Raceway.

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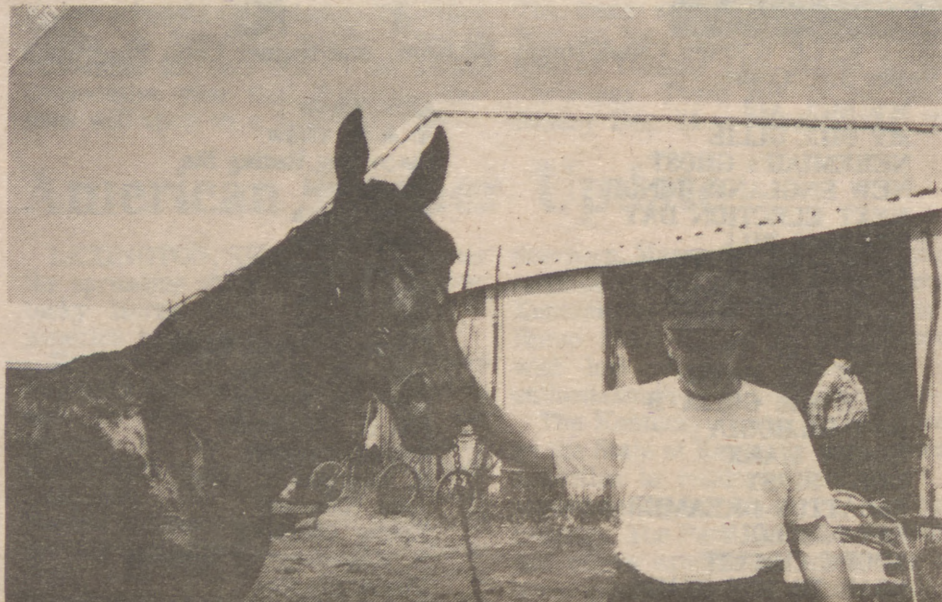
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GO GO's LEGACY
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JANNA RIDGECREST

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Howard Small
Paul Battis
Gary D'Alfonso
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Alton Worth



ROCKY MARX (Skipper Gene Marx-Sherabreeze) with owner/trainer Arnold Stanhope of Machias, Maine.



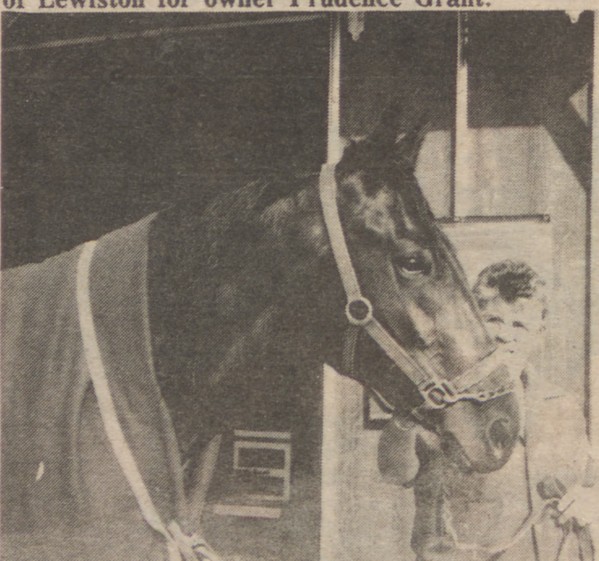
BOB'S BOOM BOOM (Hoyt Lobell-Amethyst Lobell) and owner/trainer/driver Bill Loubier at Bangor Raceway.



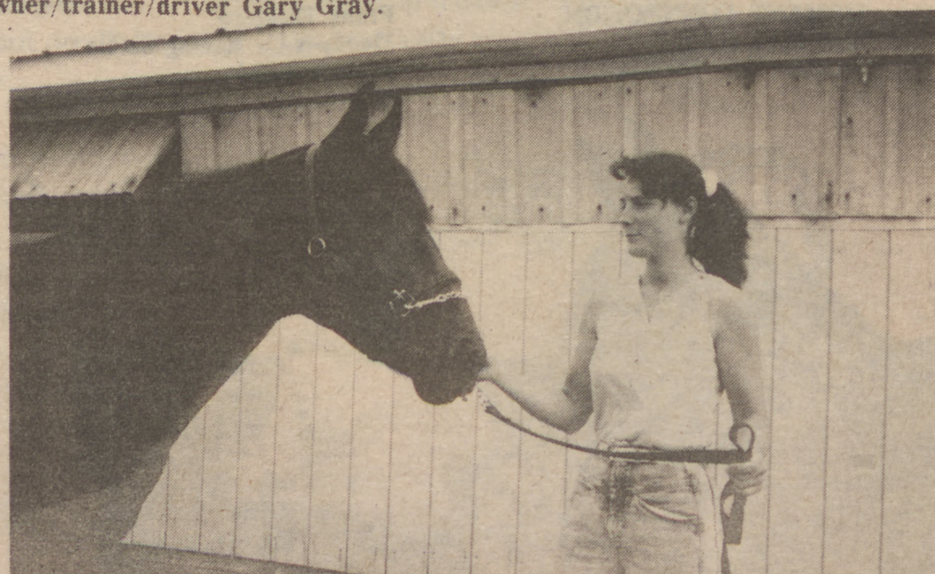
QUEEN'S SWEET LADY (Sheryl's Number-Margie Escort) and Dawn Cochere of Lewiston for owner Prudence Grant.



BUSBY'S ECHO (Busby Hanover-Echobrook Lucky) with Mary Smith for owner/trainer/driver Gary Gray.



MY BILL JUDY (My Bill Forwood-Girl Friday) and Gerry Doherty for owner David Baker of Brentwood, N.H.



DONNYBROOK KING (Tarbesto Hanover-Fine Queen) with Debbie Quinlan for owner Joe Fahey of Donnybrook Farm.

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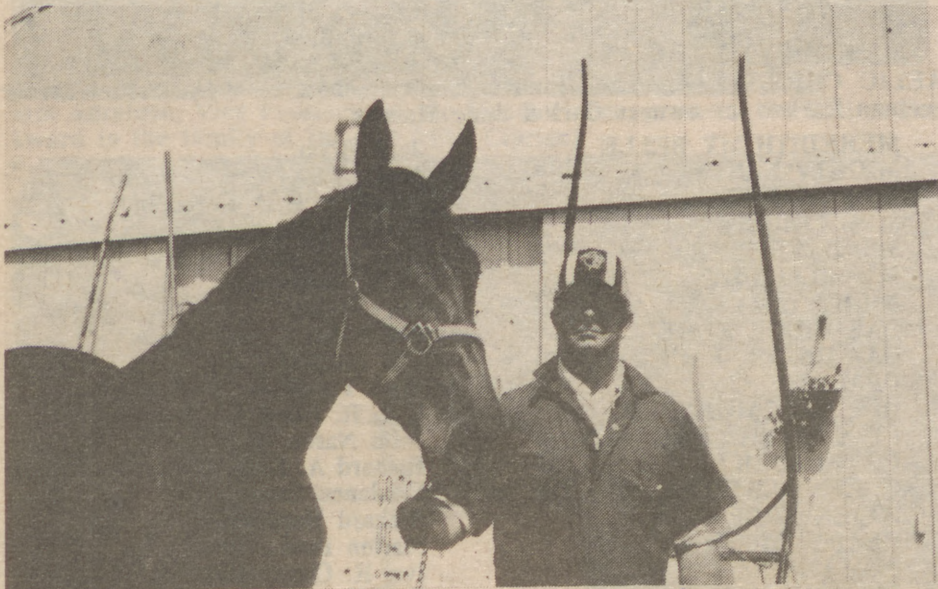


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SHAMMY GO
SHARP SHE SAYS
SHARP TICKET
SOMERSET FIREPOWER
SPRINGTIME BO
SPUNKY CHRISTOPHER
START WITH CLASS

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Race Me. Stables
Robert Grindle
Normand St. Clair
Richard Sanborn
Alton Quirion
R. & L. Norton
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Sherry Van Allen
Richard Rose
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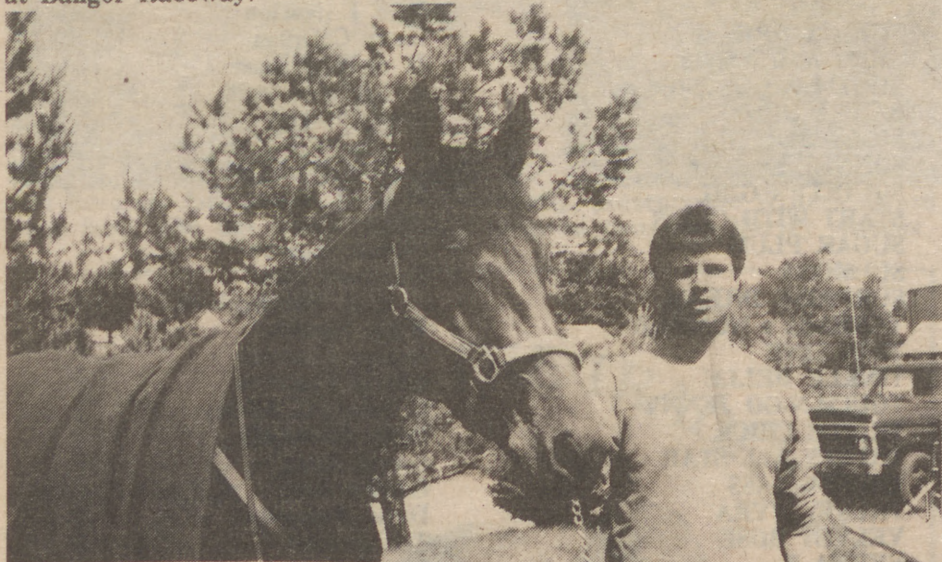
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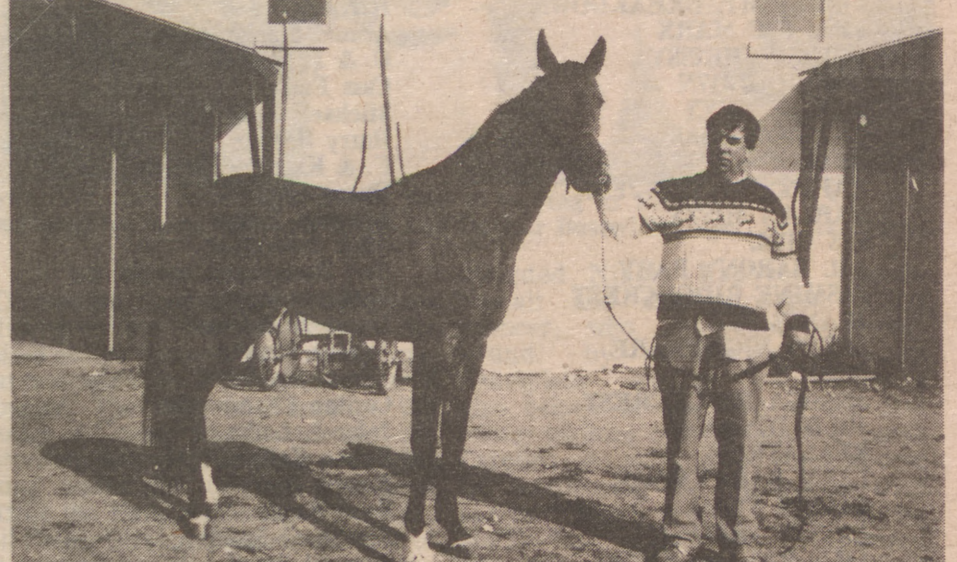
AUNT TOOTS (The Fireball-Swift Willow) and owner/trainer/driver Rod Cushing at Bangor Raceway.



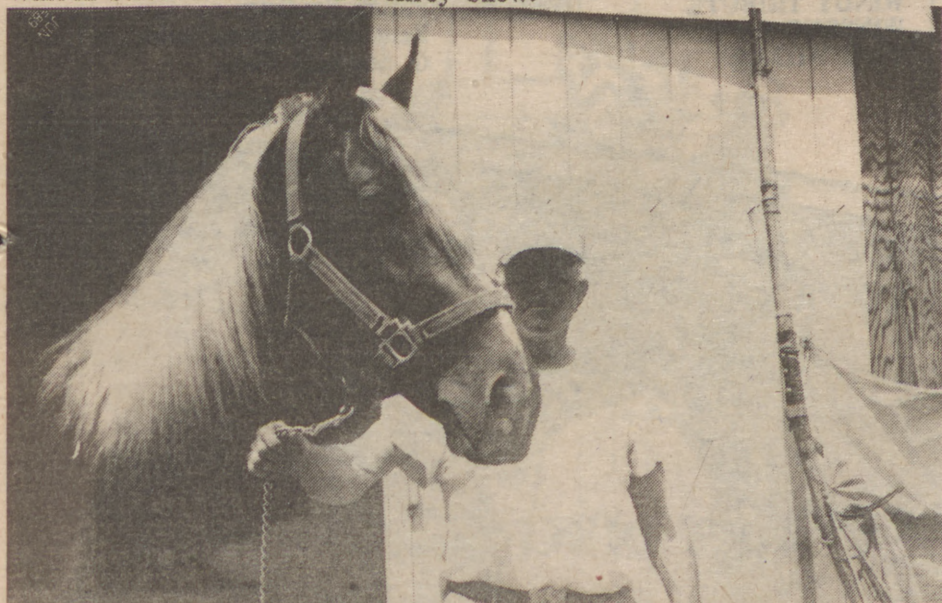
J.R. MARX (Skipper Gene Marx-Maenna) and Frank Hiscock for trainer Scott Rollins and owners Freeman and Ruth Rollins.



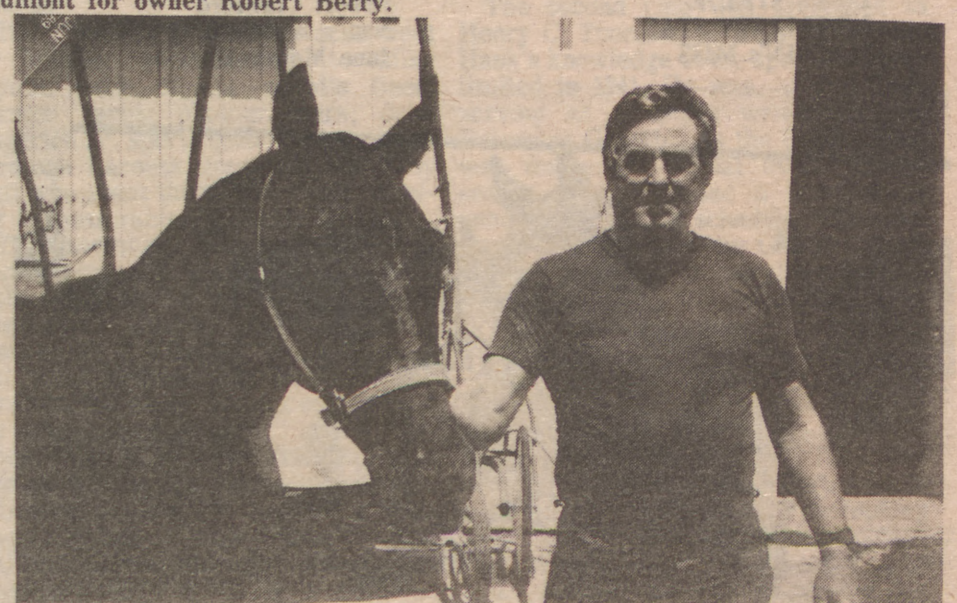
MY BILL OLLIE (My Bill Forwood-Barba Lobell) with Scott Niles for trainer Warren Strout and owner Dr. Alroy Chow.



LADY BERRYMORE (Willow Skipper-Flamboyant Quest) and trainer George Dumont for owner Robert Berry.



MILFORD RED (J.H. Baron-First Count) and owner/trainer Ray Boyington at Bangor Raceway.



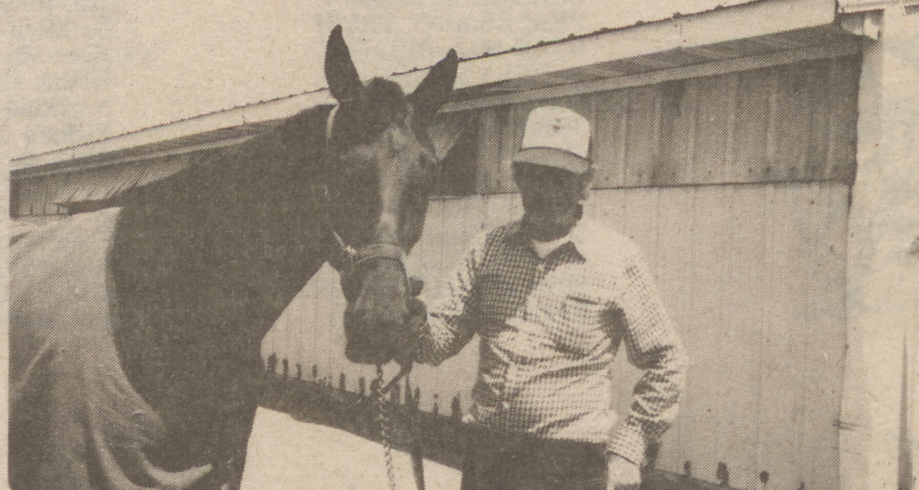
MISS CHRISSY (Good Chris-Skipper's Miss) and owner/trainer Clint Conant at Bangor Raceway.

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Two Year Old Eligible Pacing Fillies



HODGOES MOJOE (Willow Skipper-Don's Diane) owned by Don and Rosalie Hodge in training at Bangor Raceway.



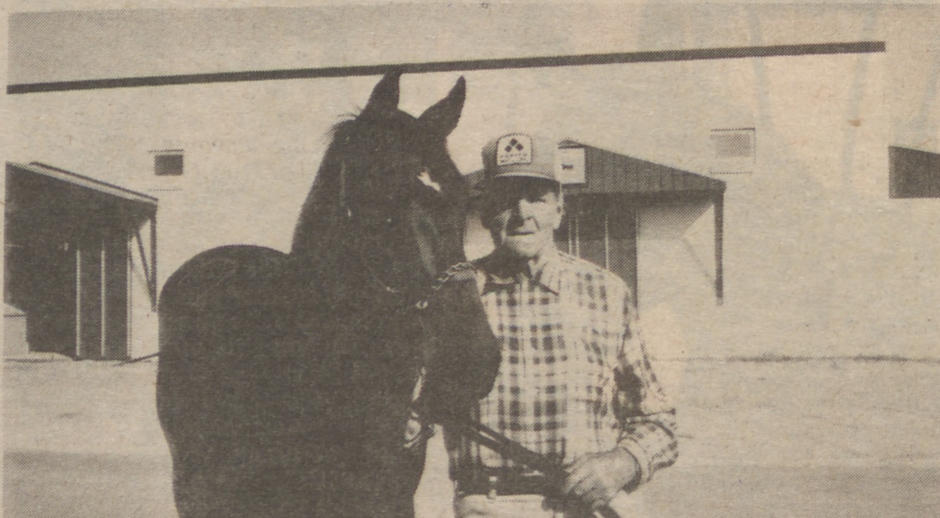
GAELIC CHRISSY (Romano Hanover-Classy Schatzie) with trainer/driver Freeman Parker for owners Carl & Jane Marean.

AMBER PHILLI
ANN ALDEN
B.B.'s WALTZ
BALANCE THE BUDGET
BEAULA
BELLE MY LOVE
BOWLEY BROOK HENRY
BUSSIES BREEZE
BUTTER FLYS R FREE
CHOCKY FORWOOD
CHRISTA's SISTER
CINDY VINCETTA
COOL SAMANTHA
CRAN MEADOW LADY
DONNYBROOK MISSY
DONNYBROOK PRIZE
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EYE ON THE PIE
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FOGGY MT. BREAKDOWN
FRANKIE MARX
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GAELIC DAWN
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GAELIC VEGAS
GO MISS BEST
HAPPY's LITTLE JEM
HARLAN MISTY
HIS GIRL
J.H. BARON's BABY
JASMINE RIDGECREST
JEANIE SUE
JEFF's NIGHTMARE
JERICE S
JESSICA RIDGECREST
JOLD JENNA D
KELLATROSS
LADY BARRYMORE
LAVISH FINALE
LAVISH TRIXIE
LIL's ROYAL FANCY
LINDA RACER
LISA's STRIDE
LITTLE TIN STAR
MELVIN's MISS

Frederick Ward, Jr.
Dick Seigars
Paul Battis
Karen Deady
Bruce Bridgham
E. & C. Farrington
D. & M. Graham
Gary Gray
Edward Nickerson
Leonard Pierce
Clinton Conant
Donald Shaw
Dorothy DiBiase
E. & R. Hall
Gallahue Stable
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Charles Day
William Whitcher
Frank Davis
Harry Mitchell
Arnold Stanhope
C. & J. Marean
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Michael Davis
Harry Badger
F. & K. Bayley
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Joseph C. Smith
Howard Small
Leo Pillsbury
Robert Crawford
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SAL's MY GAL
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SHARP TICKET
SHE's A DREAM
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SHUT UP SHANNON
SKIP A DENA
SOMERSET JILL
SONNET SPLASH
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START WITH CLASS
SUGAR PLUM
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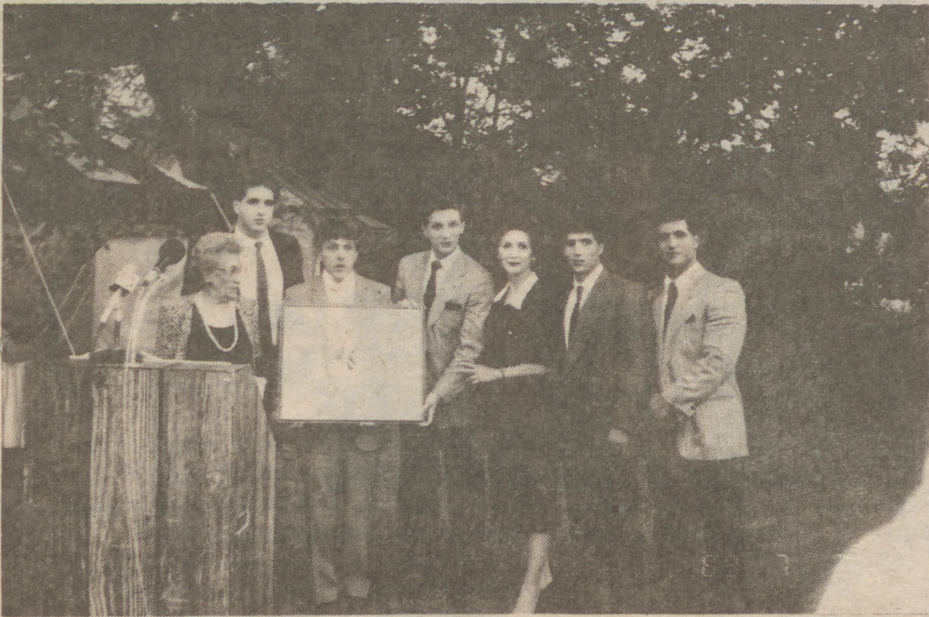
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Lynn-Marie Smith
W. & D. Wilson
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Charles Roscoe
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A. & R. Winchenbach
Willis Nichols
George Cameron
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C. Lewis/G. Libbey
Harry Estes, III
Sheryl Bragg
Gordon Gray
David Tompson
Ted Joubert
Pat McKeen
J. & S. Christensen
Clifton Bradbury
Kennebec Winsong Stable
G. Smith/C. Flake



SHE'S A DREAM (Trusty Dream-Kitty Abbe) and owner/trainer Harry Coleman at Lewiston Raceway.



TRUST ME PAT (Trusty Dream-Bayville) and owner/trainer, Tim Moran at Bangor.



Sam Anzelone, Vice President of the Meadowlands, presents the Hall of Fame Award to the family of the late Mike Cipriani.



Ralph Martin, former Sports Editor of the Albany Times, presents the Writers Award to Jack Hugerich as the family joins in for the occasion.



Lou Barasch, formerly of Roosevelt publicity, presents the Writers Award to Tony Sisti, who has also in the past received two John Hervey Awards.



Clyde Hirt (center) of Sports Eye who is serving as President of U.S.H.W.A. Congratulates Hank Thomson (left) and Dunbar Bostwick (right) on their rings.

BY JEAN EMERSON

On Sunday, July 2nd, in ceremonies befitting the well deserved laurels, the United States Harness Writers Association presented the 28th Annual Awards Banquet. The Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen was the scene of the festivities. Beautiful weather precluded dining under the tent on the lawn outside the Hall. Following the repast, Phil Pines, Director, introduced each of the presenters, who in turn listed the achievements of those receiving awards.

The "Writers Corner" awards went as follows: posthumously to Mike Cipriani, one of the world's finest harness racing photographers; John Hugerich Jr. sports editor who covered Saratoga Harness since 1946 and Tony Sisti who spent thirty five years covering harness racing on Long Island.

Two members received "Hall of Fame" rings this year as reminders of their achievement in the sport. New Englander, Dunbar Bostwick, was honored as a breeder, trainer, owner and track official who helped found Saratoga Raceway. "It was still against the law to race at night" states Bostwick, "but with a few friends I was able to get the law changed in 1941."

Dunbar started his sporting career playing hockey at Yale (1932). He was also an excellent polo player. An amateur harness driver, he also served as Treasurer of the U.S.T.A. when it was founded in 1938. His horses have

included Nibble Hanover, Speedy Tomali and the homebred, Chris Spencer, who was kept "raceway sound" by swimming in Lake Champlain... another first. Bostwick also helped develop one of the best winter training centers in Aiken, South Carolina. He will also be remembered for introducing the "magnetic snap barrier" which preceded the Phillips Mobile Starting Gate. His recent award was well deserved after six decades in the sport.

The second ring was presented to Henry C. Thomson of Delaware, Ohio. Hank's knowledge of the sport was very limited in 1941. He was, at the time, serving as a sports writer for the Delaware Gazette. As the County Fair was the area's social event of the season, locals wanted a headline to enhance the racing schedule. "The fair was invited to join the Grand Circuit and we planned a parallel for the Hambletonian. It was called The Little Brown Jug," says Thomson. It didn't take long for the purse to go to \$50,000 — then to \$100,000 — then to \$200,000. Fan interest has also grown with the purses. Thomson figures the race will draw 45,000 people this year. "The race isn't till September 21st," states Hank "but last week people were padlocking chairs to the fence on the infield."

Thomson has been the recipient of many accolades in the industry, but this he acknowledges as the most thrilling award.

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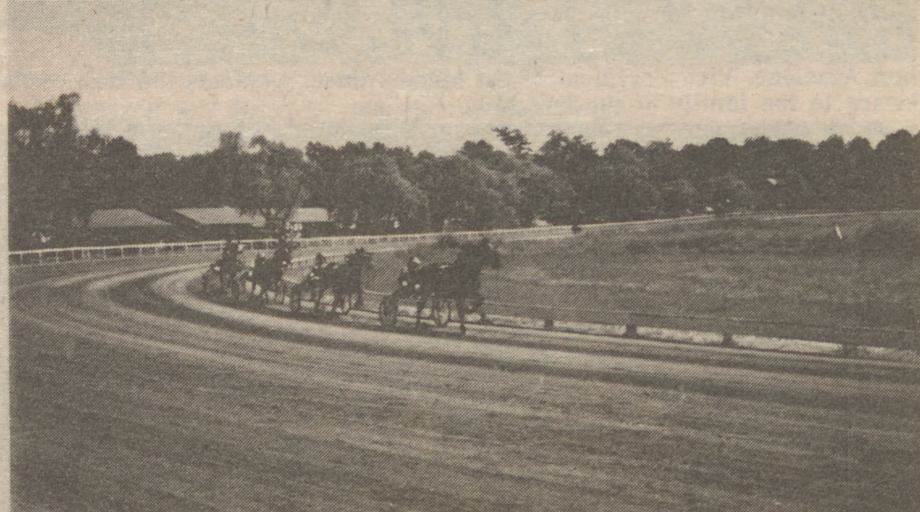
Phil Pines and Norman Woolworth in the Trotting Horse Museum in Goshen during Hall of Fame Open House.



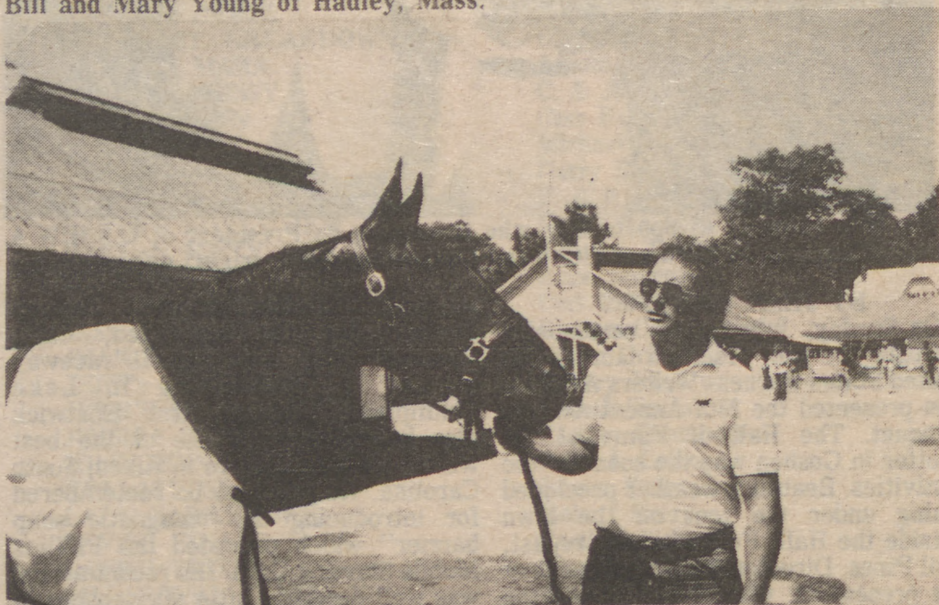
Napolitano is joined by trainer/driver Johansen and owners after winning the Statue of Liberty Trot in record time at the Meadowlands.



The Two Year Old Landmark Filly Pace at Goshen on July 3rd went to **YOUNG WAVE** (Niatross - Barge) driven to the 2:02.2 win by Bob Naginewicz for owners, Bill and Mary Young of Hadley, Mass.



Don Devine brings D.D.'s **SEAHAWK** to the wire in 2:08.1 in the two year old New York Sire Stakes at Goshen on July 1st.

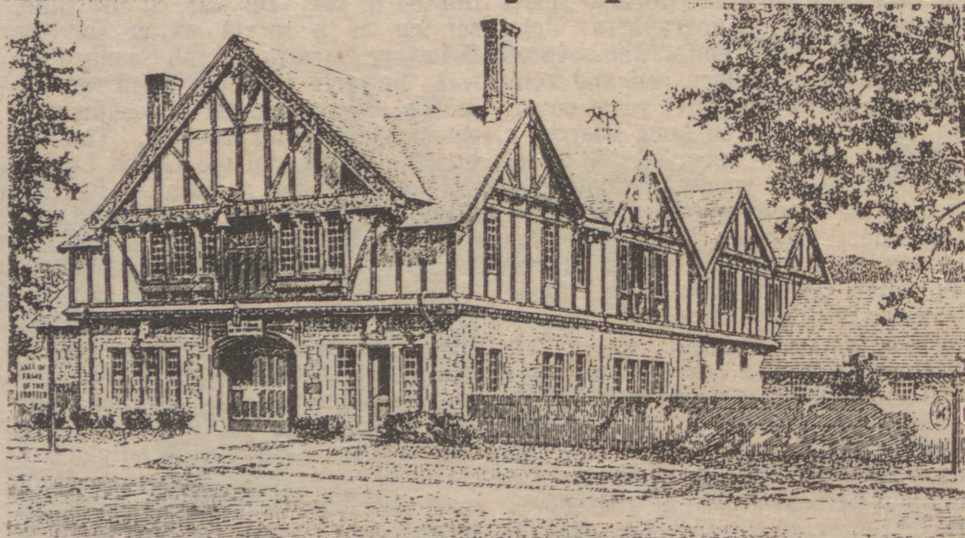


Gary Bryant trains **WONDERSON** for the U.C. Steele Stable of Boca Raton. The Sonsam colt was third in the New York Late Closer at Goshen.



Tim Fenno and Paul Doherty in the Meadowlands paddock with the trotter, Indianapolis owned by Range Pond Stable of Poland Springs, Maine.

July Opens With Pageantry and Fanfare



HALL OF FAME

Harness racing reigned supreme in New Jersey as the calendar was turned to July. In the sixth race at the Meadowlands The Statue of Liberty Trot went to the favored **Napolitano** (Super Bowl-Noble Sarah) owned by Thorsen Inc., trained and driven by Stig Johansson who set a new record of 1:54.1 in the \$250,000 Invitational.

The Cinderella horse from Maine, **Indianapolis** (Dream of Glory-The Asphalt Queen) spoiled a perfect "on-gait" record with a few bounces when leaving, spoiling any chance of collecting a check.

Two races later the Governor Driscoll "Free For All Pace" with a \$75,000 purse saw **Matt's Scooter** (Direct Scooter - Ellen's Glory) pace away from a field that included **Runymeade Lobell**, **Camtastic**, **Jaguar**

Spur... in 1:50.2.

Earlier in the day Goshen Historic Track started their Grand Circuit Racing week featuring New York County Fair Stakes, New York Sires Late Closers and the Landmark Stakes Series.

Two very popular events were inserted in the Tuesday program on July 2nd. The third annual O.T.B. Celebrity Race saw sports figures and media people compete to the delight of the holiday crowd, and shortly thereafter the Final for the C.K.G. Billings Amateur Trot was contested for a purse of \$10,000.

For a four day weekend, the Independence Holiday at the Meadowlands and Goshen can't be beat... and that's a sure thing!

HISTORIC TRACK



At Historic Track it is possible to see the past and the future while looking at the present.

Located in the heart of the historic Village of Goshen, New York, adjacent to the Hall of Fame of the Trotter, Historic Track provides a living example of the museum's exhibits. Boasting over 149 years of sporting tradition, the famous half-mile oval has hosted some of the greatest standardbreds including Messenger, after whom the great oak tree at the head of Historic Track's stretch run is named, Uhlan, Speedy Rodney, Greyhound, Titan, Hanover, Star's Pride, Matastar and Goldsmith Maid. Hambletonian, a grandson of Messenger, was shown here over a century ago. The list is a who's who of standardbred racing. Historic Track is the oldest trotting track in the world. It was the first half-mile track to host a sub-two minute mile (Greyhound's 1:59³/₄ in 1937), the first track in New York State to have pari mutuel betting and the first half-mile track to join the Grand Circuit. That year, 1911, Mrs. Mary Harriman donated the grandstand. Thousands of racing fans have watched the greats of harness racing from the grandstand. Historic Track is certainly one reason why Goshen and the surrounding area are known as "the cradle of the trotter."

Although Historic Track flourished under the stewardship of the Harri-man Family and the Orange County Driving Park Association for over 85 years, the time came in 1979 to pass the reins of responsibility to a new group, Goshen Historic Track, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Historic Track as a working facility for horsemen from all over the region as well as a cultural, convention, concert and community center for the people of Goshen and the surrounding Orange County.

The Goshen Historic Track Auxiliary, formed in January 1982 to help preserve the Landmark, is instrumental in organizing fundraising events and a volunteer task force. Its membership continues to grow and flourish under the active leadership of an enthusiastic executive committee.

In 1966 the National Park Service designated Historic Track a Registered Historic Landmark. The track is the first sporting site in America to be so designated.

In 1984 the State of New York authorized \$190,000 for renovations at Historic Track. The 1985 New York State budget granted an additional \$170,000. This was the results of the efforts of legislators and the hundreds of supporters who sent letters on our behalf. Repairs and restoration have now begun on the ground and buildings.

Historic Track is unique. It stands alone as an entity that combines the best of the old with the prospects of the new, the glories of the past with the promise of the future,

tradition with innovation. At Historic Track the future is more than just "now", it is today, tomorrow and yesterday.

The Track looks to the future when its grandstand will be filled with not only racing fans but concert goers, crafts exhibitors, antique dealers, fair goers, trade show exhibitors and people from all over the area who just want to relax and enjoy the setting.

The facility is available to groups of any size for events, concerts,

exhibitions and conventions. Its 20 acre infield and 2000 seat grandstand provide ample space to hold events. Call the Track at (914) 294-5333 for more information or to arrange a visit. Special arrangements are gladly made. While Historic Track is a center for special events, there is the intangible backdrop that Historic Track can provide for your group. Located in the heart of the historic Village of Goshen, New York, Historic Track provides a beautiful setting surrounded by over a century and a quarter of tradition.



Amateur drivers in the Billings Memorial Trot Final: (l. to r.) Chris Phillips, Paul Spears, winner Lori Hudson, Barbara Gailbraith, Peter Gerry and Simeon Hundson.

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Sponsors and Drivers in the Third Annual Celebrity Race at Goshen: (l. to r.) John Manzi, Publicity Monticello - Vince Brescia, Sponsor - Bill McCreary, Channel 5 Newscaster - Sandy Grossman, Sports Eye - Jeana Yeager, Voyager Co Pilot - Del DeMontreaux, W.P.A.T. Radio - Van Rose, Wilkes Barre Times - John Piesen, N.Y. Post - Clark Thompson, Harness News - Sherry Kramstadt, Publicity.

Vermont Breeders Stake News

The Vermont Legislature has appropriated \$10,000.00 in the 1989-90 fiscal year to the Vermont Breeders Stake. This sum has resulted as a compromise from a \$20,000.00 recommended appropriation by the Senate and a \$0 recommended appropriation by the House. The Commissioner of Agriculture refused to include any funds in his original appropriation request but was not hostile to the program in appearances before the Legislature.

The sum of \$10,000.00 is enough to keep the program alive but not enough to fulfill its long-range goals, and all horseperson's help will be needed before the 1990 legislature. The racing schedule is as follows:

July 4 — Manchester, Vermont. (Box closes July 1 at 10:00 a.m.; entries may be made by contacting Ed Hayes at 802-375-2770.)

August 30 - (tentative) — Essex Junction, Vermont. The Champlain Valley Fair will be sending out their own entry forms for further information.

September 14 - (tentative) — Tunbridge, Vermont. The Board voted to reinstate Tunbridge to participate and appropriated \$1,800.00 in added monies to that fair if they would try a program. Many members expressed the concept that additional racing days were equally as important as the size of the purses. Tunbridge has tentatively agreed to add a third day of racing for this program on Thursday, September 14. Hopefully in future years if this works out, there can be an increase in the purse sizes for Tunbridge.

Rutland Fair has also been invited to participate and, while no dates or conditions have been decided upon, Gordie Dubois, the Racing Secretary, has indicated he will be glad to cooperate with the Board as plans formulate for the 1989 race meeting.

Trotters Meet Strict Statue Of Liberty Quarantine Requirments

The Statue of Liberty Trot traditionally assembles some of the best trotters in the world. Horses representing the United States and Canada ship in uneventfully to the Meadowlands, but those horses coming from abroad must adhere to strict quarantine rules set by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Linda Detwiler, chief veterinarian in the State of New Jersey for the Department of Agriculture, explained that a quarantine period insures the safety of all the horses and safeguards against diseases. "When a horse comes from a foreign country, especially Europe, they must be detained at the Import Center in Newburgh, New York where all the tests are performed. However, in the case of equine athletic contests, they prefer not to truck the horses back and forth several times, so they are allowed to set up quarantines close to or near the event."

In the case of the Meadowlands, all the foreign horses shipping in are detained in Barn 1E where they are under the strict supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture.

When the horses arrive by plane at John F. Kennedy Airport, a veterinarian checks them and makes sure they have a health certificate. They are then put on a truck that is sealed, and taken to the track. "The seal cannot be broken and the horses can't be unloaded unless it is supervised by someone from the U.S.D.A.," said Detwiler.

The horses are then taken to their quarantine quarters where they are bathed in vinegar. "This is a mild ph acid and it kills some of the viral organisms on the horse's skin that they may have transmitted from their homelands," said Detwiler. The next step, according to Detwiler is that their hooves are picked and bathed in a sodium carbonate to prevent hoof and mouth disease. The horses are then

sprayed with Deltax, which is a pesticide for ticks.

Blood is then drawn from the horses and tested to make sure that the horse is not afflicted with any diseases. "There are three diseases that we test for when horses come into this country," said Detwiler. "Those diseases are Pyroplasmosis, Dourine and Glander."

"Pyroplasmosis is a disease that affects the red blood cells, Dourine is a sexual reproductive venereal disease and Glanders is a fatal disease that affects the respiratory tract as well as the lungs and the skin. Dourine and Glander have been eradicated from the United States where it used to be a severe problem. Once the horses test negative for any of these afflictions, they are cleared."

The horses that are in quarantine are closely watched while at the Meadowlands. There is a six-foot high fence surrounding the barn where they are stabled and anyone that has contact with the horse has to be authorized by the U.S.D.A. and checked in and out by a posted security guard. "The people that come in contact with the horses all have to wear disposable clothes and foot coverings," said Detwiler. "This is done so they won't come into contact with other horses. We have to take every measure of precaution into consideration."

"Once the horses are cleared, they are allowed to train on the track, but they must train way before the other horses go on the track. Even their manure is picked up and separated from the regular Meadowlands horses. This is done in case any disease is found so it won't spread to other horses."

"It may seem like a lot of things to worry about," said Detwiler. "But it is done for the safety for all involved. The chance for equine diseases and outbreaks are usually slim but nobody wants to risk anything."

"The key is to play it safe," said Detwiler.

Slanted Gate Approved at Big M

An innovative, slanted starting gate designed to diminish the disadvantage to horses with outside post positions was approved for use at the Meadowlands harness meet by the New Jersey racing Commission at a meeting at Monmouth Park on June 21.

The gate was first tested at the East Rutherford mile on May 26 during non-wagering qualifying races and has been used in qualifying and two-year-old races since then.

Beginning with the first race on the card Friday, June 23, the slanted gate, which has a seven foot differential between post one and post ten, will be used for every race on every night for the indefinite future. A report on the gate's use is due to the Racing Commission after 30 days of use.

Meadowlands General Manager Sam Anzalone, a proponent of the new gate, says that, "We believe this gate will

give all the horses in a race the best possible shot. With the mile track here at the Meadowlands, post position is less of a factor than other tracks, but the rail horse still wins almost twice as much as the horse coming from post ten. I think this gate will help diminish that disadvantage and give our patrons more attractive wagering choices."

The slanted gate was developed by Chuck Coon and the Nu-Core Company, both of Michigan, and constructed by the Howard Starting Gate Company of Lima, Ohio. The slanted gate was used last summer at Hiawatha Horse Park in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, but has never been used in the United States for pari-mutuel racing.

The slanted gate, which is similar in appearance to starting gates currently in use, is the first major change in starting harness races in 43 years.



ON THE RAIL by PHIL PINES

Keeping The Rascals Out

If you are one of those who did not fall asleep in history class, then you probably know that spectacular growth and changes occur to nations who have made it through a major war. It happened in the U.S. of A. after the Civil War. The northern half of the country abandoned cannon fire for an economic boom. Its citizens put the fighting behind them and got down to the business of tending to business.

The trotting sport grew enormously during those post-war days. There were more horses, more races, more tracks. Most villages had a track; big cities had several. But with growth came problems. The spirit of amateurism vanished and in its place rose a highly competitive national pastime where gambling flourished and values floundered.

A year after the war, New Yorkers were saying: "Few women will attend the Fashion Course; but never the Union or Centerville courses." In other words, race tracks were the pits.

The "American Gentleman's Newspaper" — officially known as the Spirit of the Times — described the situation this way in an article published in 1876: "Ten years ago a race track for trotting purposes was a place which no ladies and few gentlemen could be induced to visit. The character of attendance was like that which assembled at a prizefight. Respectable spectators were cautious of wearing valuables at these places because of the pickpockets and thieves that infested the course. In the race themselves, fraud was the order of the day."

"Each track made its own rules which were incomplete and insufficient. And penalties could not be enforced for knavery. Indeed, when a job was in process of execution, there was an even chance the judges, themselves, were in on it. Looking back on those days is like gazing from the well-regulated streets of a populous city into the dreary and forbidding mazes of an East Indian jungle."

What the magazine was saying, was that the sport had cleaned up its act during the previous decade. But what had been done? What caused that

complete turn-around?

Well, about 1870, a group of concerned Americans did what Americans always do when there's a problem: they form an association. This one was called the National Association for the Promotion of the Interests of the Trotting Turf. They wisely shortened that mouthful to the National Trotting Association. Its purpose: to clean house, guide the sport toward getting back on its feet, and restore public confidence in the sport.

The result? The Spirit of the Times reported that the NTA's efforts brought order out of chaos and, at the same time, injected a spirit into trotting the likes of which had never been seen before.

The newspaper minced no words: "It (the NTA) has transformed our trotting courses from rendezvous for the scum of the earth - gathering for purposes of mutual robbery - into high-toned arenas for a noble pastime where the refined and intelligent can enjoy the excitement of the race without offense to their sensibilities, or danger to their persons or property."

Before the NTA entered the picture, there had been no attempt to encourage breeders to produce good trotting horses. Purses were low. And all racing was suspect.

But in the new era, the truly golden age of trotting, it was a whole new scene. Tracks, scheduling one or more regular meetings every year, sprang up all over the country. Large purses waited for the winners. And beefed-up legislation protected the new system. The public reaped benefits, too. They were treated to orderly, fair and exciting contests.

What was begun over a century ago continues to this day. Trotting acquired a new name before the old century was out. It became harness racing. And in the late 1930s, the NTA, along with a couple other similar groups, dissolved into the United States Trotting Association, which sees to it that the ladies and gentlemen can comfortably come to the tracks to enjoy a noble pastime — while the rascals are kept out.

Sandy's Choice Upsets In Honeymooner Final

by K.C. Johnson

Sandy's Choice (Klipper Minbar—Scarlet Gaymead) stunned a field of eight top distaffers to win the \$10,000 finals of the Honeymooner Series at Scarborough Downs on Friday, June 30. The David Buckson trained and driven mare returned a whopping \$394.00 to win, registering the highest payoff to date this meet at the Downs.

Pre-race capping centered around Walter Case, Jr.'s My Classy Lady (Royce—Shronebeg), who had taken divisions of the series in each of its first two weeks; her second series win equaled the track record for aged pacing mares of 1:59.1 set by Bay State Kate last summer. Case tried for the early lead with his mare, and with little front speed apparent to the inside of him it appeared a good gamble. On this night, however, Doug Mitchell elected to show front speed with his mare Honey's Best, who had drawn the rail.

Honey's Best and My Classy Lady engaged in a speed duel to the quarter pole in 29 seconds, with Leigh Fitch and second favorite Race Me Peek-a-Bu keeping the hole filled in third. The battle continued as the field stepped off the top corner, with Honey's Best and My Classy Lady in tandem pacing the half in 58.2. Meanwhile, Fitch was boxed in with his mare as Gordon Corey

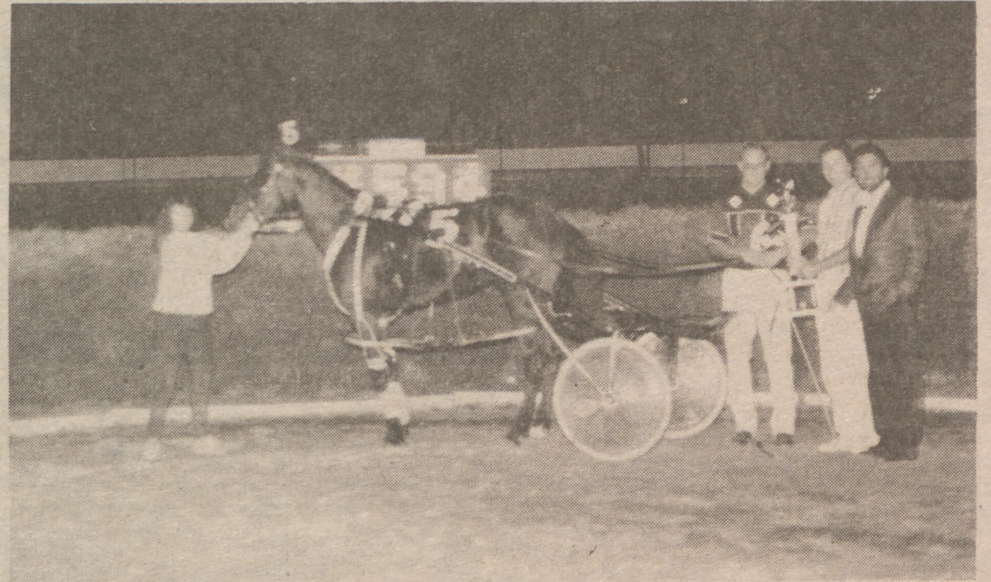
swung Theola into the outside flow, with Buckson following on the wide in fifth. My Classy Lady appeared tired around the clubhouse turn, and Corey stepped Theola three-wide, with the duo making the lead past three-quarters in 1:29.3. Buckson followed on the extreme outside with Sandy's Choice, while Fitch remained tucked in behind the tiring duo of Honey's Best and My Classy Lady, unable to get off the rail.

Theola, who was winless in the series but had recorded two seconds, opened up what appeared to be a comfortable advantage around the final turn, as Sandy's Choice hung slightly. As My Classy Lady finally put Honey's Best away, Fitch was able to get off the rail with his mare, but he remained six lengths off the frontrunners. Theola hit the stretch with a two length's advantage, but she began to tire in mid-stretch and it was clear that the finish would be close. Meanwhile, Buckson's mare, who had drifted wide at the head of the lane, got her second wind and began to close with some authority, as Race Me Pee-a-Bu made a desperate surge to catch the leaders, cutting the margin to around three lengths in mid-stretch. She lacked rally, however, and the battle wound up between Theola and Sandy's Choice with the question whether Theola had sufficient stamina

to hold off the charge. In a tight finish, Sandy's Choice got up in the final two strides to win by a nose, with Theola second and Race me Peek a Bu third. My Classy Lady, despite the brutal trip, held fourth, while V.P. Roma, Honey's Best, Happy Tails, and Truffles Almahurst completed the field.

Sandy's Choice paid \$394.00 to win and \$108.80 to place; the quiniela returned

\$157.00; the trifecta \$3238.40. In addition to the winners' share of the \$10,000 purse, the winning owners—Buckson, Horwitz, and Rutherford—received a free booking to world champion Forrest Skipper courtesy of the Downs. The next late closer final at Scarborough will occur on Saturday, July 15, as the eight top trotters will compete in the finals of the Firecracker Series.



Sandy's Choice, a longshot, captured the \$10,000 Honeymooner Final at Scarborough Downs in 1:59.4 trained and driven by Dave Buckson.

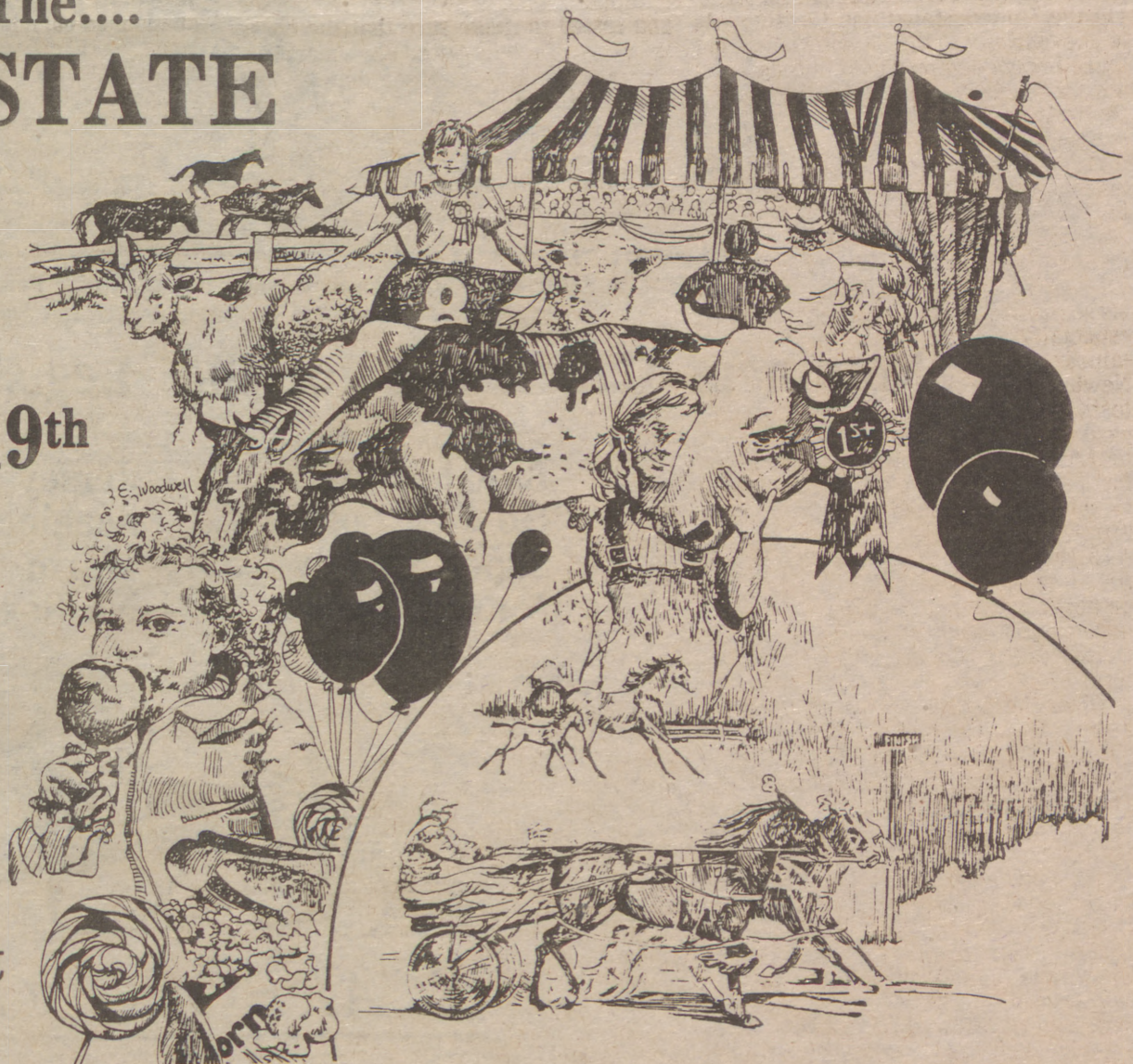
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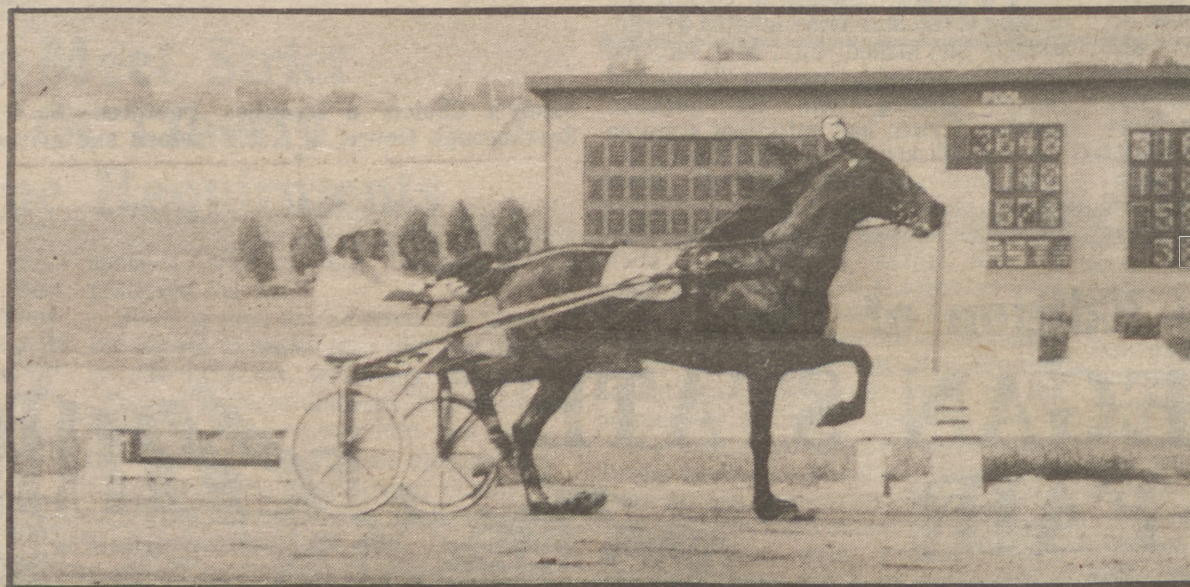
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